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Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls Appoints Representative Christine Hunschofsky to the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (July 30, 2021) — Today, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, appointed Representative Christine Hunschofsky, D-Parkland, as a member of the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The Commission was created by Senate Bill 96 and signed into law by Governor DeSantis on June 29. Representative Hunschofsky sponsored House Bill 1447, the House companion bill to establish the Commission.

“Representative Christine Hunschofsky’s experience working with mental health providers as Mayor of Parkland and as a state representative and her personal passion for assisting victims of mental health and substance abuse provides unique and important insight into the needs for our state,” said Speaker Chris Sprowls. “Her leadership and commitment will serve the Commission and Floridians as a strong advocate for this vulnerable community.”

Upon her appointment, Representative Hunschofsky added, “Thank you Speaker Sprowls for appointing me to the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The worldwide pandemic has exacerbated the mental health and substance abuse crises in our state and it’s critical we begin our work to address the important need for our state.”

The 19-member commission is charged with examining the state’s methods of providing mental health and substance abuse services and making recommendations to improve the effectiveness of current practices, procedures, programs and procedures. The commission will meet quarterly or upon the call of the chair with the first meeting to convene no later than September 1, 2021.

Representative Hunschofsky was elected to her first term in the Florida House of Representatives last Session by the voters of Florida's 96th District. She served on the Education & Employment Committee, the Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee, the Finance & Facilities Subcommittee and State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee.

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